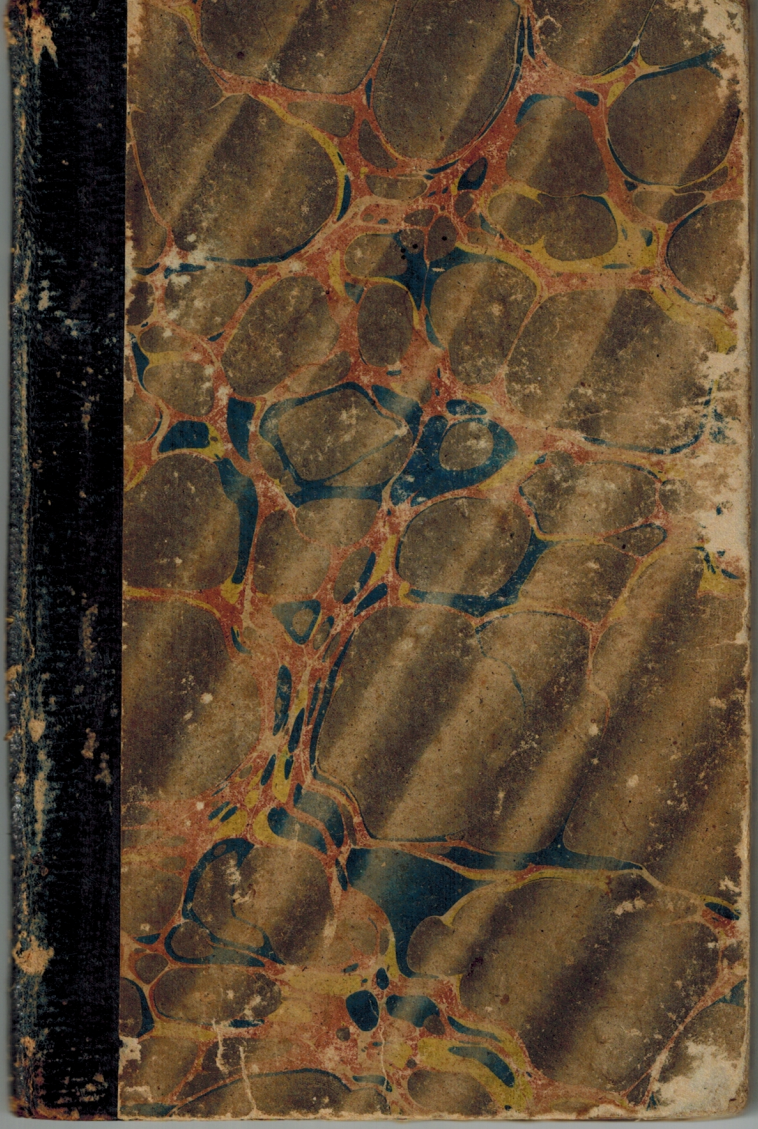

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MAN CREATED HOLY.

Man dwelt in Eden's garden, stored
With sweets for every sense;
And there, with his descending LORD,
He walked in confidence.

How did God create man? God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen. i. 27.

Were they our first parents? Yes.

What were their names? Adam and Eve.

What is meant by the image of God? The likeness of God.

How were they made in the likeness of God? In knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.

Where did God put man when he had made him? In the garden of Eden.

Was he allowed to eat of the fruit of all the trees of the garden? Yes, of all, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

If they ate of the fruit of that tree, would they be punished? Yes, God said, "In the day that ye eat thereof, ye shall surely die."

MAN A SINNER.

Our father ate forbidden fruit,
And from his glory fell;
And we, his children, thus were brought
To death, and near to hell.

Did they eat of the forbidden fruit? Yes, the woman "took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat." Gen. iii. 6.

Who tempted them to eat the forbidden fruit? The devil, in the form of a serpent.

How did he tempt them? By contradicting God, and saying, "Ye shall not surely die." Gen. iii. 4.

How did they feel when they heard the voice of God, after they disobeyed him? They were afraid and hid themselves. Gen. iii. 8.

What did the man say? "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Gen. iii. 12.

What did the woman say? "And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat." Gen. iii. 13.

THE SAVIOUR PROMISED TO ADAM.

Now from his Maker's voice he flies,
Which was before his joy;
And thinks to hide amid the trees
From an all-seeing eye.

Were they allowed to stay in the beautiful garden? No, "God drove out the man: and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." Gen. iii. 24.

Did they die? Not immediately, but their bodies became subject to death, and their souls became sinful.

Did God leave them to perish in this state of sin and misery? No, he promised them a Saviour.

What was the promise? That the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. Gen. iii. 15.

Who is the seed of the woman? The Lord Jesus Christ.

How did he bruise the serpent's head? By destroying the works of the devil.

THE PROMISE RENEWED TO ABRAHAM.

How large the promise, how divine,
To Abram and his seed,—
"I'll be a God to thee and thine,
Supplying all your need."

To whom was the same promise more clearly given? To Abraham.

What did God say? "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Gen. xii. 3.

How were all the families of the earth blessed in Abraham? Christ descended from him.

How did Abraham worship God? By offering a sacrifice. Gen. xii. 8.

What did the sacrifice represent? The offering of Christ Jesus.

Why did Christ sacrifice his life for us? He died to save us from sin and hell.

THE LAMB A TYPE OF CHRIST.

My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of thine,
While like a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

What Jewish sacrifice particularly represented Christ? The paschal lamb. "Your lamb shall be without blemish." Ex. xii. 5.

Why must there be an animal sacrifice? Because "without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. ix. 22.

Is Christ ever called the Lamb of God? Yes. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." John i. 29.

Was Christ slain for our sins? Yes. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold: but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot."

What was done by the person who brought a lamb for a sin-offering? He laid his hand upon its head. What did that mean? It represented laying his sins upon the lamb.

What ought you to do? Lay my sins on Jesus Christ.

THE MORAL LAW.

The Law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe;
But 'tis the Gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.

Did God give man a rule for his obedience? **Yes.**

What is the rule called? The Moral Law.

What is the Moral Law also called? The ten commandments.

To whom did God give the ten commandments? To Moses. Exod. xix. 20.

Where did he give them? On Mount Sinai.

On what did God write them? On two tables of stone

What does the first table contain? Our duty to God

What does the second table contain? Our duty to man.

Can you repeat the sum of the ten commandments? Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. vi. 5. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matt. xxii. 39.

CHRIST FULFILS THE LAW.

What curses doth the Law denounce
Against the man who fails but once!
But in the Gospel, Christ appears,
Pard'ning the guilt of numerous years.

Can any one keep God's commandments perfectly? No, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Ps. xiv. 3.

Has any one kept all God's commandment's perfectly? No; no mere man.

Who then has? The Lord Jesus Christ.

Will Christ's keeping the commandments answer as if man had kept them? Yes, if the sinner receives Christ as his Saviour. Rom. x. 4.

Have you received Christ for your Saviour?

If you have not received Christ as your Saviour, how will you answer God in the day of judgment for breaking his commandments?

What does the Bible say about those that do not keep God's commandments? Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. Gal. iii. 10.

CHRIST'S HUMAN AND DIVINE NATURES

He, who on earth as man was known,
And bore our sins and pains,
Now seated on the eternal throne,
The God of Glory reigns!

Tell me what Isaiah the prophet said about Christ? For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa. ix. 6.

Who is this child that is born, and this son that is given? It is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Is he called mighty God, The everlasting Father? Yes.

Has he two distinct natures? Yes, God and man; or, as the Scripture says, God manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. iii. 16.

Repeat another text from the Old Testament to prove that Christ is God? Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts Zech. xiii. 7.

BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The heavenly babe you there shall find,
To human view display'd,
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.

Did God give the Saviour whom he promised? Yes. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii. 16.

Who is this infant in the stable? Jesus, the Saviour.

Where was he born? In Bethlehem of Judea.

Who came to see Jesus in the stable? Shepherds and wise men.

How did the shepherds know that Christ was born? The angel of the Lord appeared to them and said, Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke ii. 11.

By what sign should they know him? Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger. Luke ii. 12.

How were the wise men directed? By a star.

What were their offerings? Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. ii. 11.

BAPTISM OF CHRIST.

Come, sinners, view the Lamb of God,
Wounded, and dead, and bathed in blood!
Behold his side and venture near;
The well of endless life is here.

What did John say when he saw Christ coming to him? Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world! John i. 29.

Why did John call Christ the Lamb of God? Because the lamb was the type of Christ, and Christ died for sinners.

Why was Jesus baptized? To fulfil all righteousness.

By whom was he baptized? By John the Baptist. Matt. iii. 15.

Immediately after Jesus was baptized, what occurred? The heavens were open unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. Matt. iii. 16.

What did the voice from heaven declare? This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. iii. 17.

Is baptism a divine ordinance? He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark xx. 16.

MIRACLES OF CHRIST.

I'll make my great commission known,
And ye shall prove my gospel true,
By all the works that I have done,
And all the wonders ye shall do.

How did they know that he was the Christ? When they asked him if he was the Christ, he said, Tell John the things ye see; the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Matt. xi. 5.

Could any man do these things? No; they are miracles.

Did Jesus do them? Yes; because he was God.

Did this answer satisfy them that he was Christ? Yes.

Why? Because it was foretold in the Old Testament that the Messiah should perform miracles.

What is said in Isaiah on this subject? Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. xxxv. 5, 6.

THE NEW HEART.

The Spirit, like some heavenly wind,
Blows on the sons of flesh,
New models all the carnal mind,
And forms the man afresh.

What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii. 3.

How do those that are born again feel toward sin? It is a grief and burden to them.

How do they feel toward their brethren? They love them, and will do them all the good they can.

How do they feel toward God's word? They delight to read it, to meditate upon it, and to obey it.

How do they feel toward the world? They desire not to love the world, nor the things of the world.

How can we know when persons have a new heart? By their fruits ye shall know them.

What are the fruits of the Spirit? Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. v. 22, 23.

REPENTANCE.

I'll go and tell him all I've done,
And fall before his face:
Unworthy to be called his son,
I'll seek a servant's place.

Did Jesus Christ die to save us in our sins? No; he died to save us from our sins.

Can we believe in Jesus Christ and continue in sin? No; if we believe in Christ, we will hate sin, and turn from it.

What did the prodigal son say when he repented? He said, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. Luke xv. 18, 19.

Is the penitent sinner invited to Christ? Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. xi. 28, 30.

THE RESURRECTION.

By faith in Me the soul receives
New life, though dead before;
And he that in my name believes
Shall live to die no more.

Did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Yes; he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! And he that was dead came forth. John xi. 43, 44.

Who was Lazarus? The brother of Martha and Mary; the family that Jesus loved.

How long had he been dead? Four days.

Will Jesus raise our bodies? Yes; at the last day.

What evidence have we of this? He says, Because I live, ye shall live also.

Will the same body rise? Yes. This mortal must put on immortality. 1 Cor. xv. 53.

Can Christians triumph in death? Yes. Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor. xv. 54.

Does the Bible say the dead shall hear the voice of Christ? Yes; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John v. 28, 29

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

My God, and is thy table spread?
And does thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
And let them thy sweet mercies know.

Did Jesus command us to do any thing to show our remembrance of him? Yes, he told us to eat bread and drink wine.

What does the bread represent? It represents his body broken for sin.

What does the wine represent? The blood of Christ, which cleanseth from all sin. 1 John i. 7. For without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. ix. 22.

When was the Lord's supper instituted? The same night in which he was betrayed. 1 Cor. xi. 23.

What did he say when he gave the bread? Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. xi. 24.

What did he say when he gave the wine? This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. xi. 25.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

The man who marks, from day to day,
In generous acts his radiant way,
Treads the same path his Saviour trod:
The path to glory and to God.

Was not the Lord Jesus an example for us? Yes.

How did he spend his time, when he was upon the earth? He went about doing good. Acts x. 38.

Can any one do good? Yes. If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Cor. viii. 12.

How can you do good? By a holy example and by leading others to Christ.

Can you do good in any other way? Yes; by visiting the sick and the afflicted.

Is not prayer a means of doing good? Yes; for prayer can move the hand that moves the world.

How can you, who have neither gold nor silver, extend the kingdom of Christ? We can pray that God would hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

He left his radiant throne on high,
Left the bright realms of bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die!
Was ever love like this?

Were the sufferings of Christ in the garden very great? Yes; and being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke xxii. 44.

Did Christ suffer for himself? No; for sinners.

Must not sin be a dreadful thing to cause so much suffering to the Son of God? Yes.

What do the Scriptures teach about the suffering of Christ for us? That he was wounded for our transgressions, and that he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. liii. 5.

Did our sins cause this bitter cup of suffering to Christ? Yes.

By continuing in sin do we wound our Saviour afresh? Yes.

What should be our daily prayer? That sin may be crucified in us.

CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST.

Behold the Saviour of mankind
Nail'd to the shameful tree;
How great the love that him inclined
To bleed and die for me!

Where did they crucify Jesus? And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors; one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Luke xxiii. 33.

Was it a painful death? Yes, very painful.

Was he nailed to the cross? Yes; his hands and his feet were nailed to the cross.

Was his side pierced? Yes; a soldier pierced it with a spear. John xix. 34.

How did those who passed by treat him? And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads. Matt xxvii. 39.

What remarkable things happened at the time of his crucifixion? Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. Matt. xxvii. 45, 51.

LL MAY COME TO CHRIST.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day:
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

What did one of the thieves say to Christ when he was on the cross? Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Luke xxiii. 42.

Did Jesus answer him? Yes; he said, Verily, I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke xxiii. 43.

Does not this encourage sinners to come to Christ? Yes.

Does it encourage sinners to delay coming to Christ? No; for it does not appear that the thief had ever known Christ, or heard of him before that time.

Does the answer to the dying thief show Christ's power to save? It does.

Was a prophecy fulfilled in Christ's dying with the thieves? Yes: it was written of him, He was numbered with the transgressors. Isa. liii. 13.

Did it not also show great faith in the thief to believe in Christ, when he saw him hanging on the cross? Yes.

CHRIST S BURIAL.

I would not live alway; no, welcome the tomb;
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom;
There sweet be my rest, till he bid me arise,
To hail him in triumph descending the skies.

What did they do with Christ's body? A good man took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. Luke xxiii. 53.

Who did this? Joseph, of Arimathea.

Why did he do this? Because he loved him.

Where was the sepulchre? In the garden near the place where he was crucified. John xix. 41.

How long was he in the grave? Part of three days.

What was done to the tomb of Jesus? A great stone was rolled against the door.

What else was done to secure it? It was sealed.

Who guarded the sepulchre of Jesus? Roman soldiers.

Why? They feared that his body would be removed, and that his disciples would say he was risen from the dead.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

Behold him rising from the grave,
Behold him raised on high;
He pleads his merits there to save
Transgressors doom'd to die.

What did the angel say? Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him. Mark xvi. 6.

Did any one see Jesus after he came from the grave? Yes; all his disciples saw him.

Did they believe it was he? Yes, all but Thomas.

Did Thomas afterward believe? Yes; when Jesus said, Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. John xx. 27, 28.

Did any others beside his disciples see him? Yes; more than five hundred saw him at one time. 1 Cor. xv. 6.

How long was he seen after his resurrection? During forty days. Acts i. 3.

From what place did he ascend to heaven? From the Mount of Olives.

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

When thus the mountains melt like wax,
When earth, and air, and sea shall burn,
When all the frame of nature breaks,
Poor sinner! whither wilt thou turn?

Shall you stand before the judgment seat of God to be judged? Every one of us shall give account of himself to God! Rom. xiv. 12.

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts i. 11.

They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matt. xxiv. 30.

What will Jesus say to those who love him, at the day of judgment? Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. xxv. 34.

What will Jesus say to the wicked at the day of judgment? Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. xxv. 41.

HEAVEN.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labours have an end,
In joy and peace and thee?

Where will Christians go when they die? To heaven.

Has Christ prepared a place for them? Yes; Jesus says, I go to prepare a place for you. John xiv. 2.

Do the inhabitants of heaven have any suffering? And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Rev. xxi. 4.

Is it an easy thing to get to heaven? No. Christ says, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke xiii. 24.

What kind of place is heaven? The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Rev. xxi. 22, 23.

REMORSE.

There is a dreadful hell,
And everlasting pains,
Where sinners must with devils dwell,
In darkness, fire and chains.

Is there a hell? And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments. Luke xvi. 23.

Is hell a place of eternal suffering? Yes; for Jesus will say to the wicked at the day of judgment, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. xxv. 41.

Who will go to hell? The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. ix. 17.

How are the sufferings of the lost described? And there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. xxv. 30.

Is there any change in the character of men after death? No. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. xxii. 11.